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REBELLIOUS SENTIMENTS
IN THIS SYSTEM HAVE BEEN
GROWING OF LATE... OUR
INTELLIGENCE INFORMS
US OF IT...

AND MY
MASTER HAS
SENSED IT,
AS WELL...



HE IS ONE WITH
THE *FORCE*, AND HE
KNOWS WHEN SOME-
THING-- LIKE THE
GROWING UNREST IN
THIS SECTOR--
THREATENS HIM...

AND I, TOO,
HAVE SENSED
TROUBLE BREWING
AMONG THE MAJORITY
OF THE POPULATION OF
KULTHIS--THE THIRD
PLANET OF THIS
STAR SYSTEM...



AS SOON AS
THE WORK ON
BELDERONE HAS
REACHED THE
PROPER STAGE...
VERY SOON NOW,
GENTLEMEN...

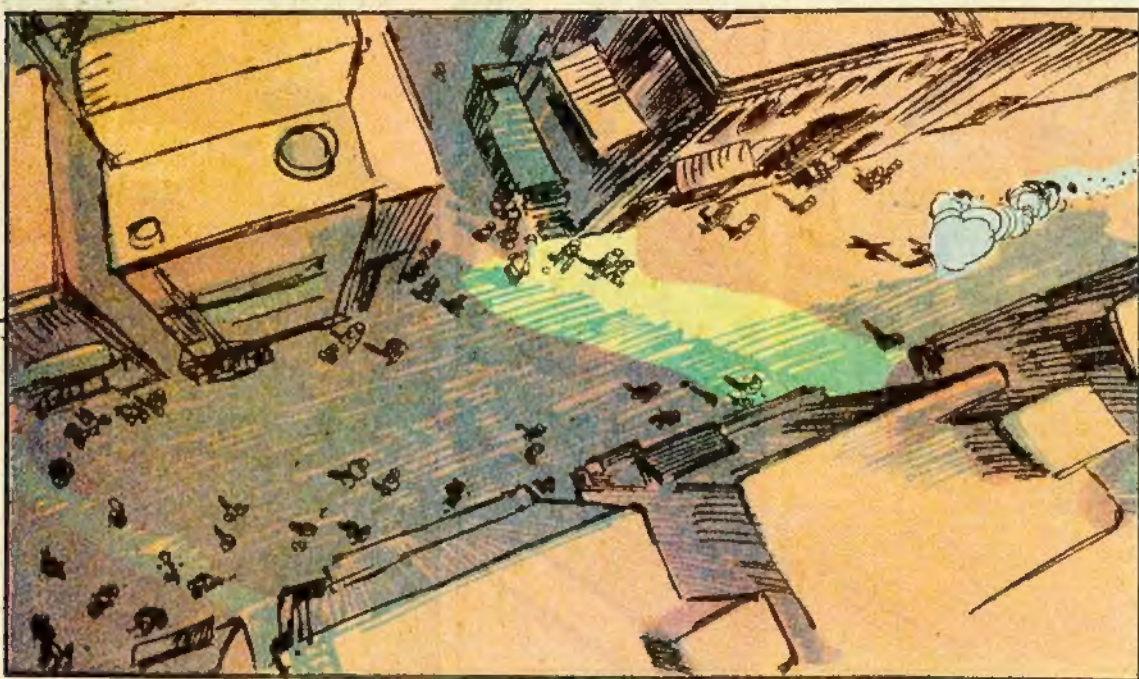
-- YOU AND
YOUR FORCES
WILL SWEEP ACROSS
KULTHIS, AND CRUSH
THE REBELLION
THERE, ONCE AND
FOR ALL!



LORD VADER,
I WOULD BE THE
LAST ONE TO BE-
LITTLE YOUR FAITH
IN THAT MYSTIC
ENERGY FIELD
YOU REFER TO
AS THE *FORCE*...

...OR TO IMPLY
THAT THE TRAINING
YOU RECEIVED DURING
YOUR DAYS AS A *JEDI*
KNIGHT HAD MADE
A ROMANTIC OF
YOU--!

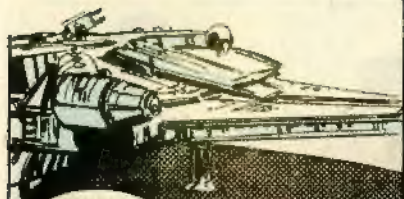












THERE IT IS! WHAT DID I TELL YOU? WE HAD TO CHECK THIS OUT!

HEY...THIS SHIP HAS GOT REALLY TERRIFIC LINES. WHAT'S IT CALLED?



THEY SAY SHE'S CALLED THE *MILLENNIUM FALCON*...



SO, THIS IS BELDERONE, EH? WELL, IT LOOKS CHARMING. ABSOLUTELY CHARMING...



BARNEY... LOOK AT THAT GUY. LOOK AT WHAT HE'S WEARING!

HUH? WHAT... WHERE?

LOOK AT HIS WEAPON!



YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DON'T YOU? HE MUST BE A *JEDI KNIGHT*...

HE'S WEARING A *LIGHT-SABER*!



JUST LIKE MY FATHER WAS!



LOOK AT THAT ONE... THE WAY SHE'S DRESSED, AND HOW SHE'S ACTING...

THE WAY HER MAJESTY IS FLAUNTING HERSELF, SHE MIGHT AS WELL BE A QUEEN...

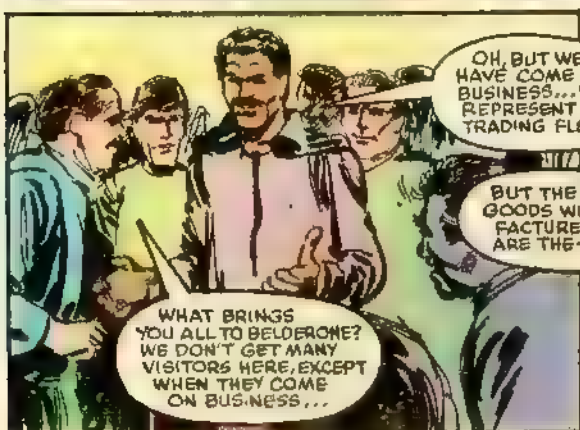
OR A SOLDIER. NO NICE BELDERON WOULD GO AROUND LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE THAT!



NO ONE ASKED YOU!

I THINK SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!

YOU GROW UP TO BE LIKE THAT, AND NO MAN WOULD HAVE YOU!



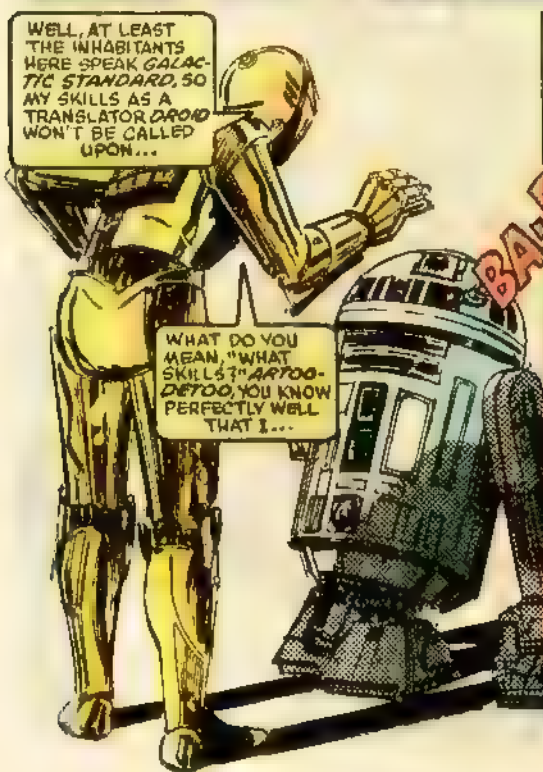
WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL TO BELDERONE? WE DON'T GET MANY VISITORS HERE, EXCEPT WHEN THEY COME ON BUSINESS...

OH, BUT WE HAVE COME ON BUSINESS... WE REPRESENT A TRADING FLEET...

BUT THE ONLY GOODS WE MANUFACTURE HERE ARE THE-- JACKE!



WE HAVE A TRADE AGREEMENT FOR MOST OF OUR LOCAL PRODUCE TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE EMPIRE. THEY PLATTER US WITH THEIR CUSTOM...



WELL, AT LEAST THE INHABITANTS HERE SPEAK GALACTIC STANDARD, SO MY SKILLS AS A TRANSLATOR DROID WON'T BE CALLED UPON...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT SKILLS?" ARTOO-DETOO, YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT I...

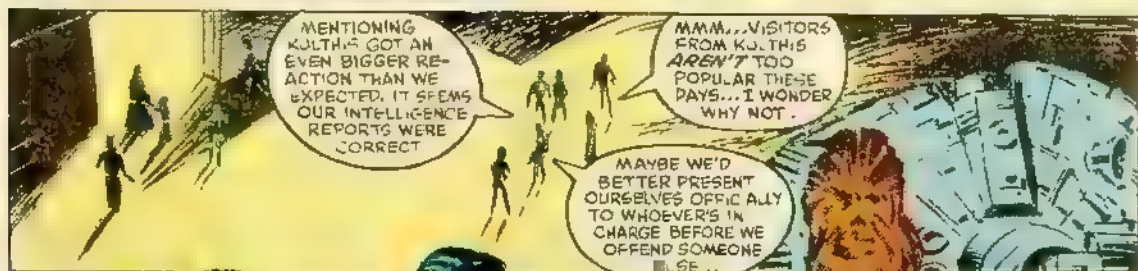
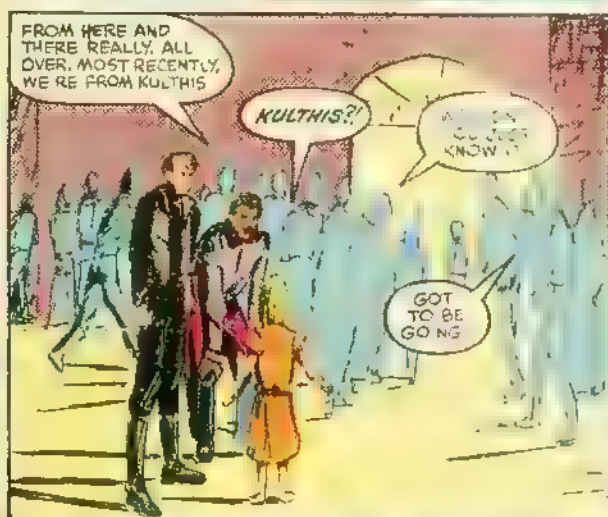
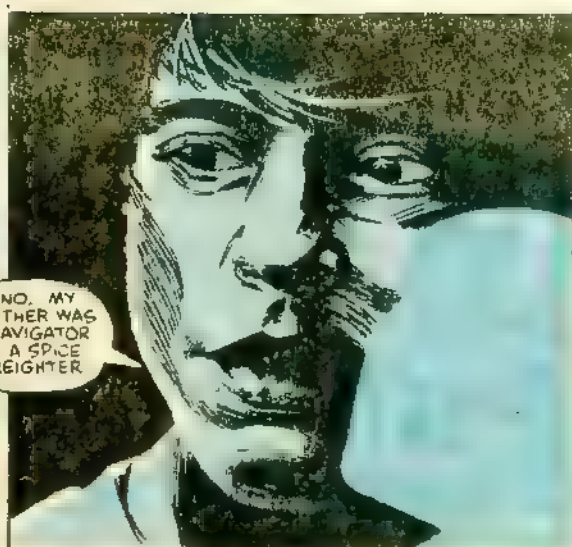


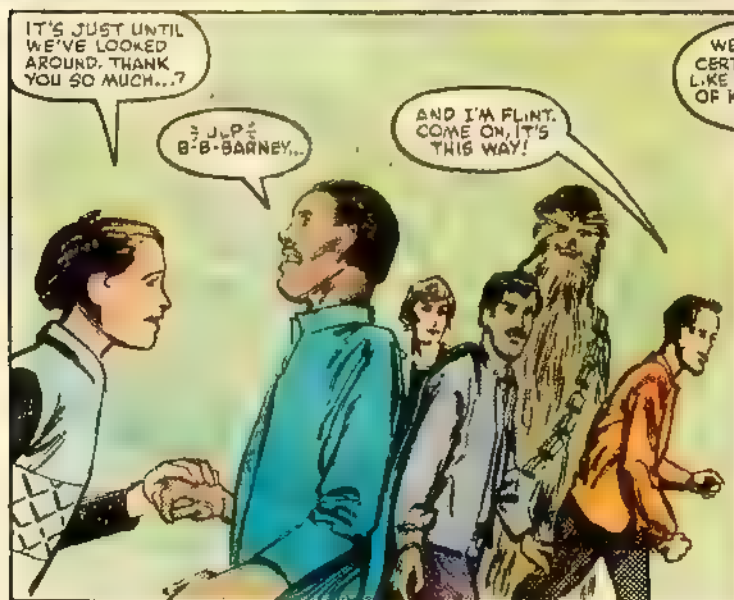
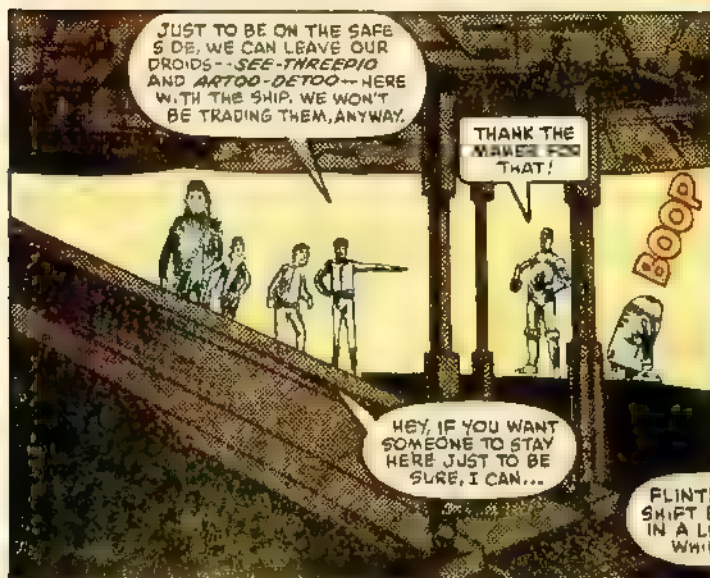
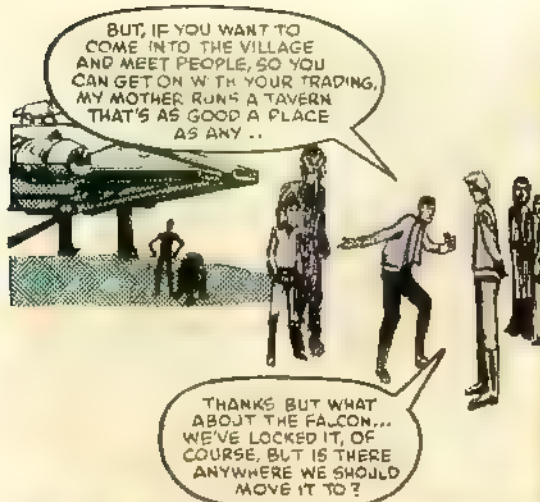
HEY, MISTER, WHERE DID YOU GET THE LIGHT-SABER?

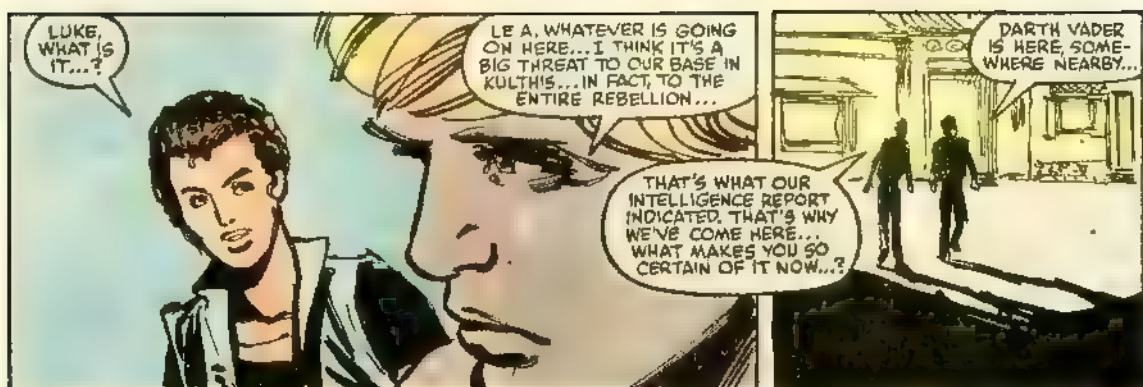
MY LIGHTSABER?

ARE YOU A JEDI KNIGHT?

BA-BLIP!







LUKE,
WHAT IS
IT...?

LEA, WHATEVER IS GOING
ON HERE... I THINK IT'S A
BIG THREAT TO OUR BASE IN
KULTHIS... IN FACT, TO THE
ENTIRE REBELLION...

DARTH VADER
IS HERE, SOME-
WHERE NEARBY...

THAT'S WHAT OUR
INTELLIGENCE REPORT
INDICATED. THAT'S WHY
WE'VE COME HERE...
WHAT MAKES YOU SO
CERTAIN OF IT NOW...?



I CAN FEEL
HIS PRESENCE,
THROUGH THE
FORCE.

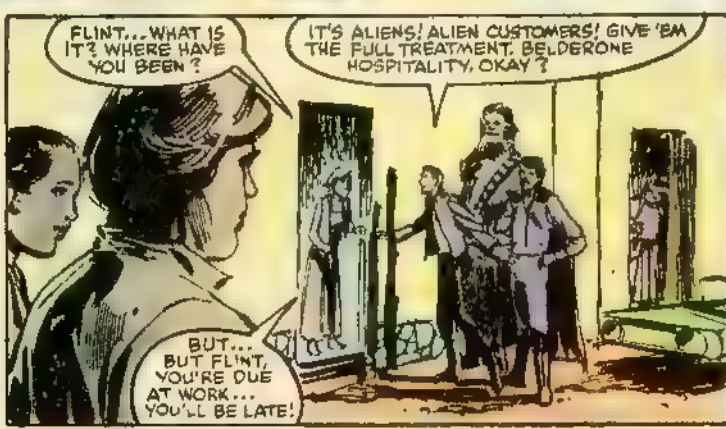
AND,
LEIA...



I'M SURE HE
SENSES ME, AS
WELL.



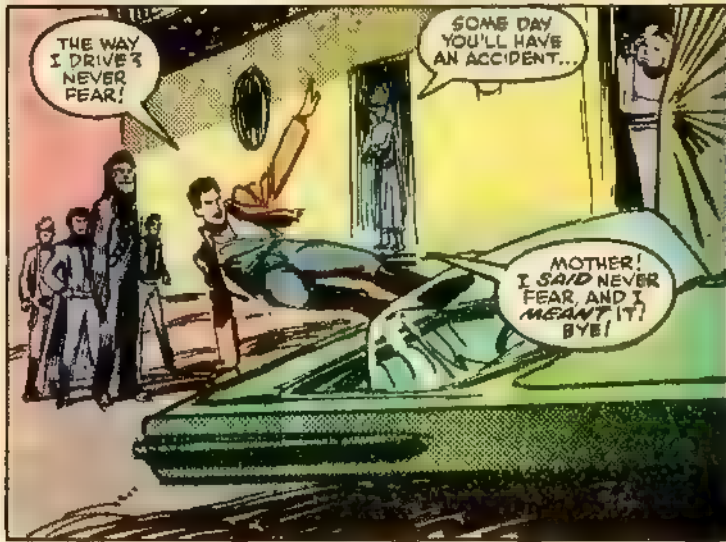
MOM! HEY,
MOM! YOU'LL
NEVER GUESS
WHAT I'VE
BROUGHT YOU!
YOU'VE GOT
TO COME OUT
AND SEE!



FLINT... WHAT IS
IT? WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?

IT'S ALIENS! ALIEN CUSTOMERS! GIVE 'EM
THE FULL TREATMENT. BELDERONE
HOSPITALITY, OKAY?

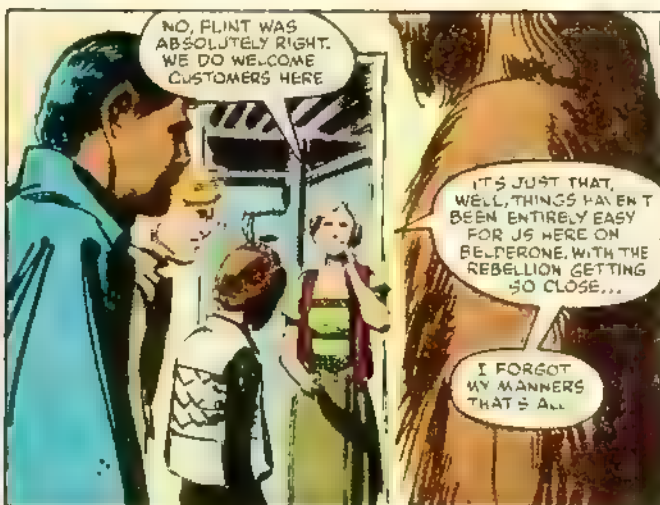
BUT...
BUT FLINT,
YOU'RE DUE
AT WORK...
YOU'LL BE LATE!

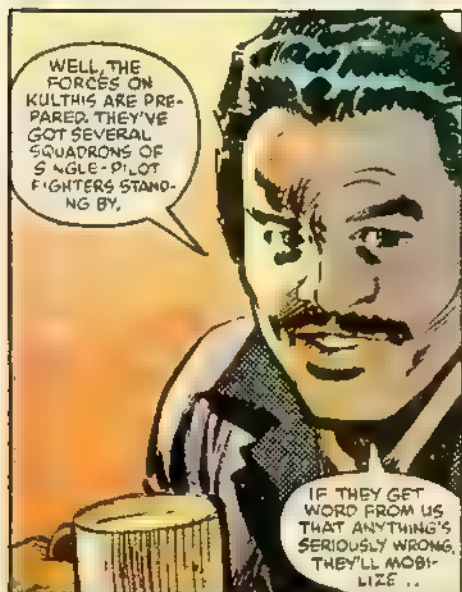
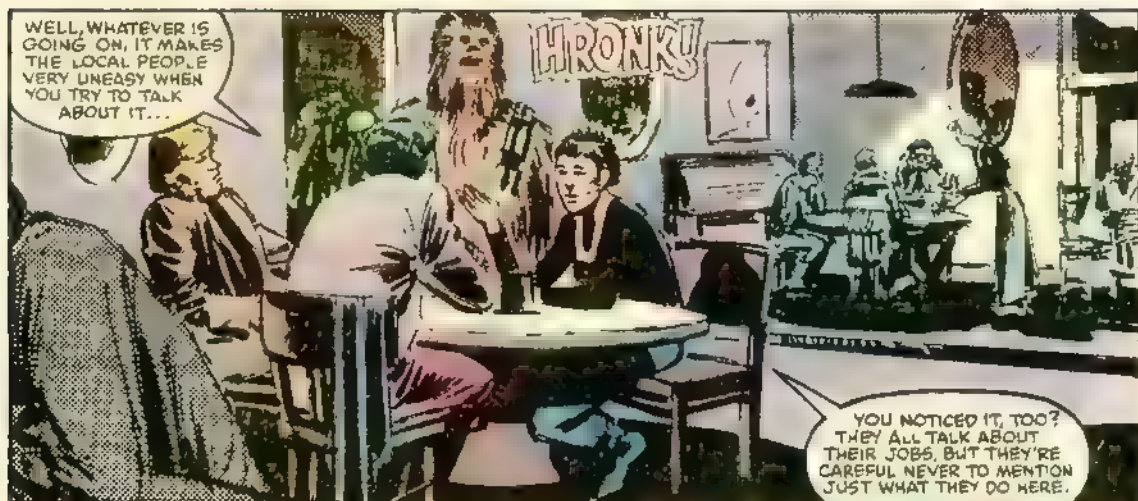


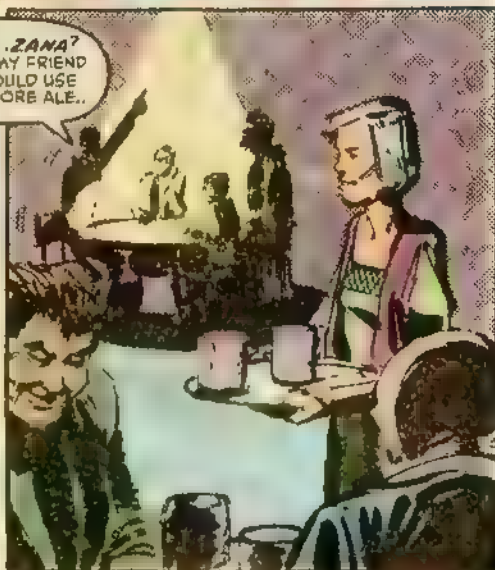
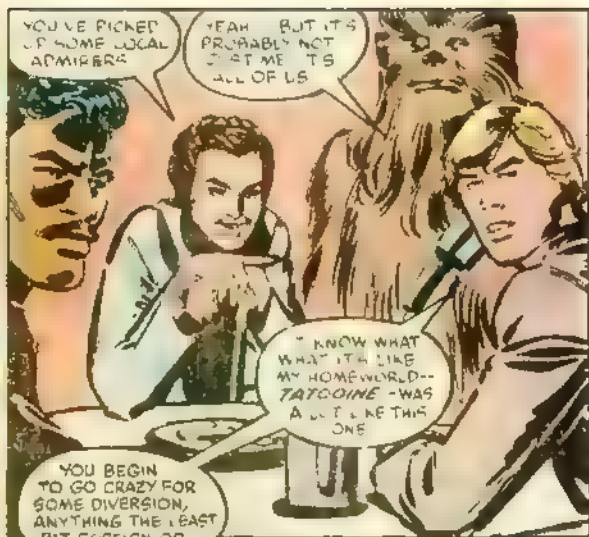
THE WAY
I DRIVE?
NEVER
FEAR!

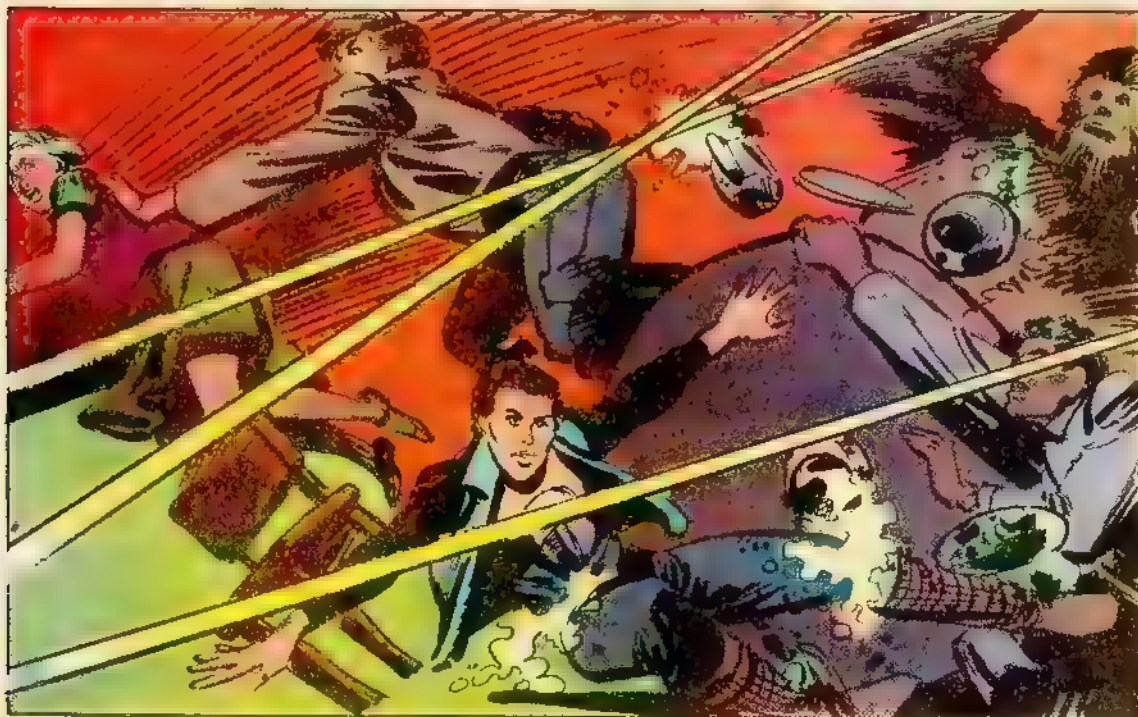
SOME DAY
YOU'LL HAVE
AN ACCIDENT...

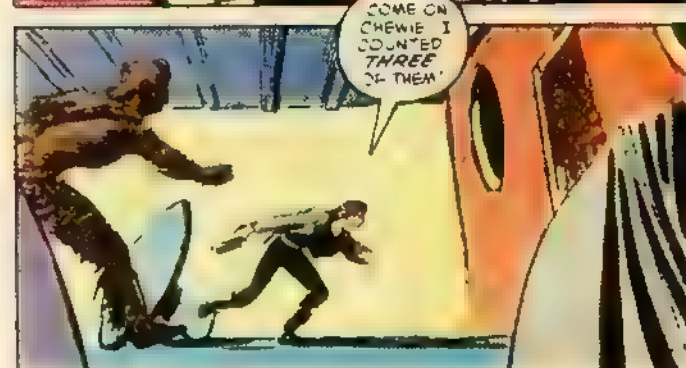
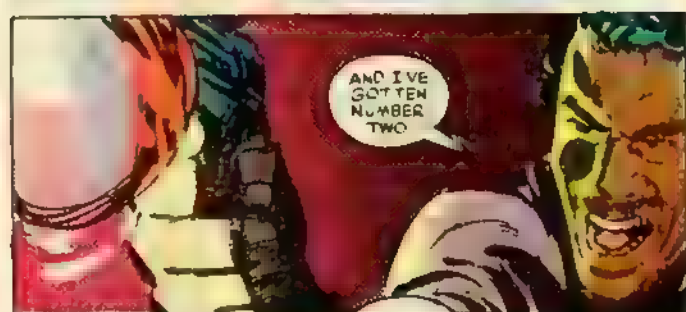
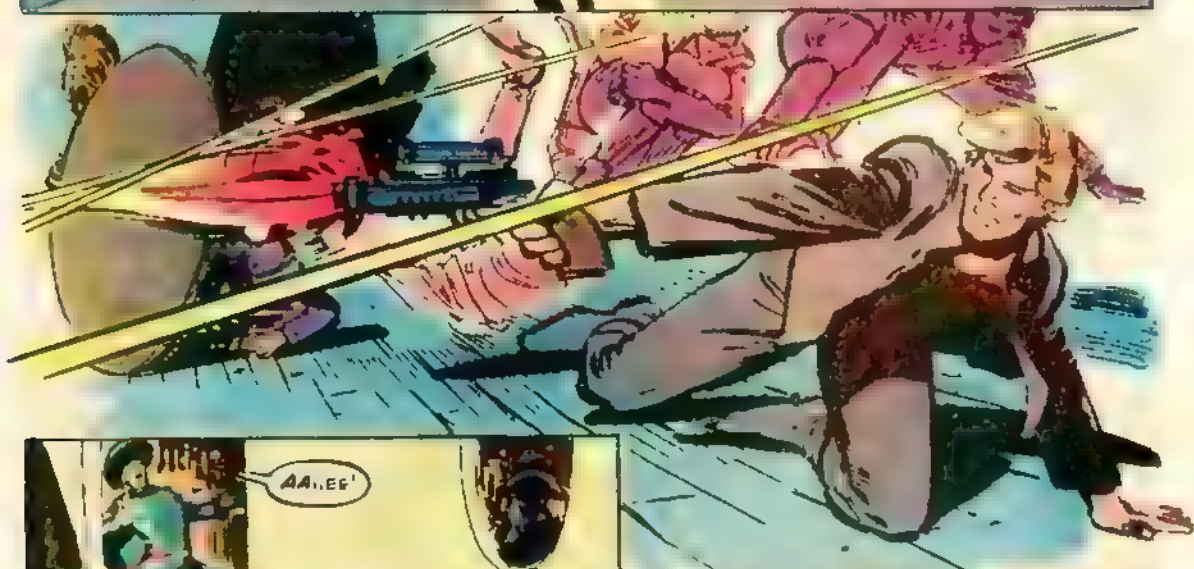
MOTHER!
I SAID NEVER
FEAR, AND I
MEANT IT!
BYE!

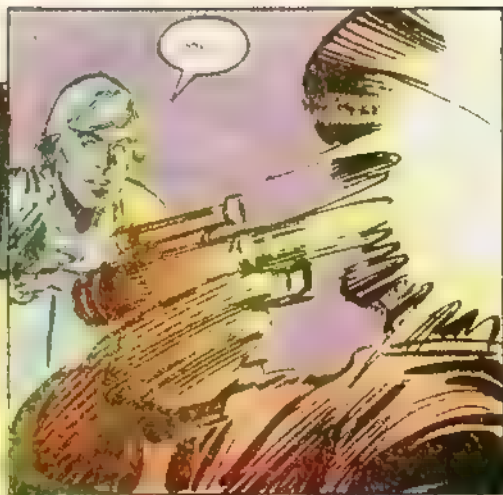








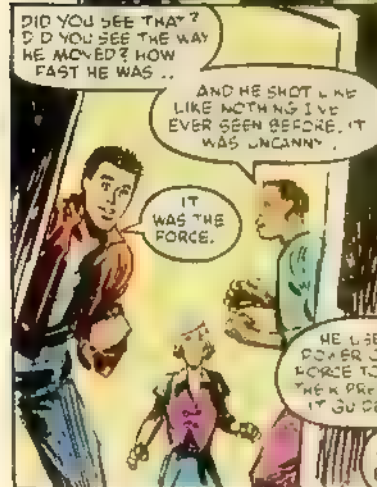




WELL I DOUBT THAT THIS IS
A NORMAL PART OF THE
LORDS NIGHT LIFE. WE'RE
HARDLY REACTED
TO THAT LUK.

YOU KNOW
WHAT THIS
MIGHT MEAN
DON'T YOU?

THE
EMPEROR
KNOWS
WE'RE
HERE.



DID YOU SEE THAT?
DID YOU SEE THE WAY
HE MOVED? HOW
FAST HE WAS ...

AND HE SHOT LIKE
NOTHING I'VE
EVER SEEN BEFORE. IT
WAS UNCANNY.

IT
WAS THE
FORCE.

HE USED THE
POWER OF THE
FORCE TO SENSE
THE PRESENCE
IT GUIDED HIM.

... AND HE
TRIED TO DENY
BEING A JED.

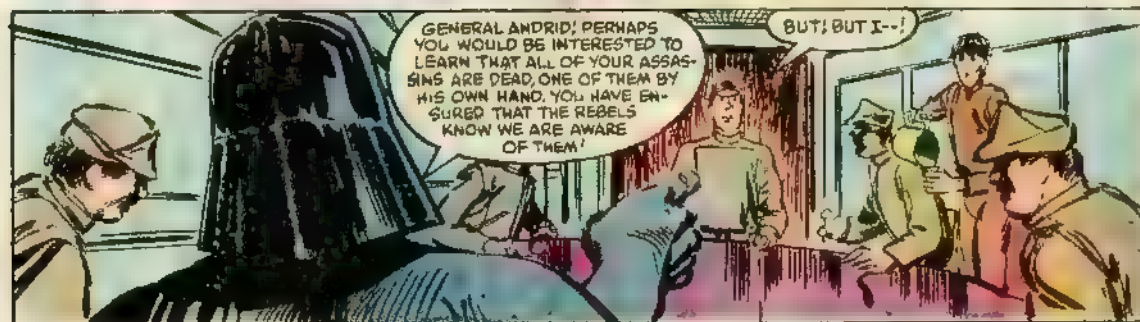
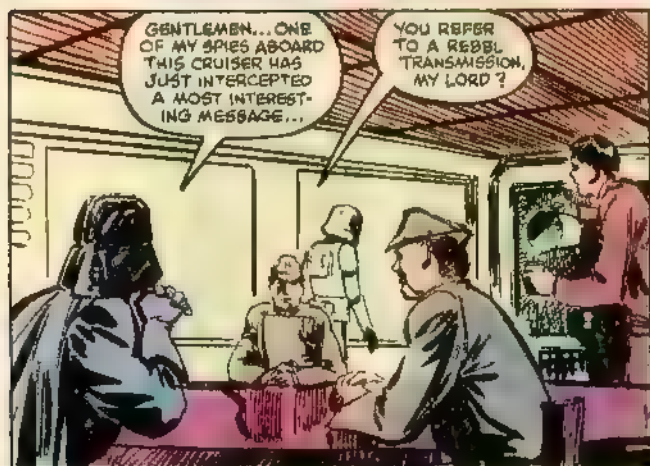


NOT JUST A JED
DIDN'T YOU SAY
WHAT WAS A JED?

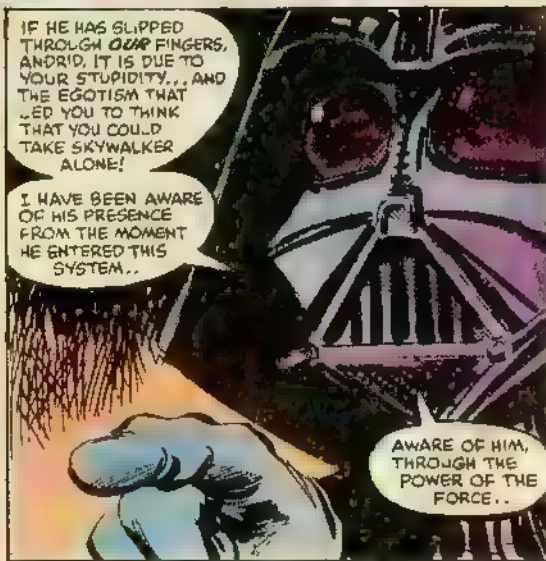


THEY'RE
REBELS

HELLO
GENERAL
I'M
AN AGENT

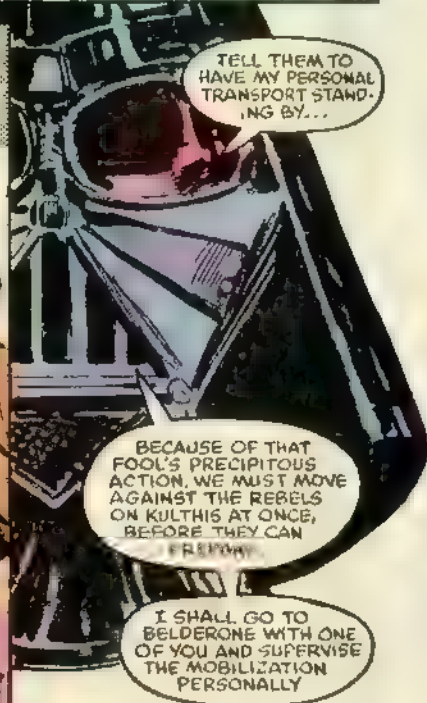


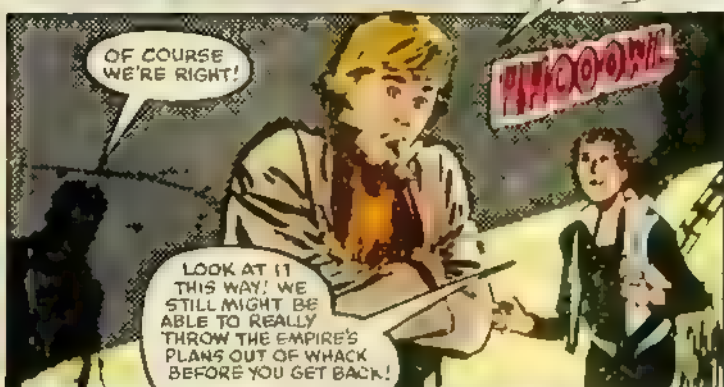
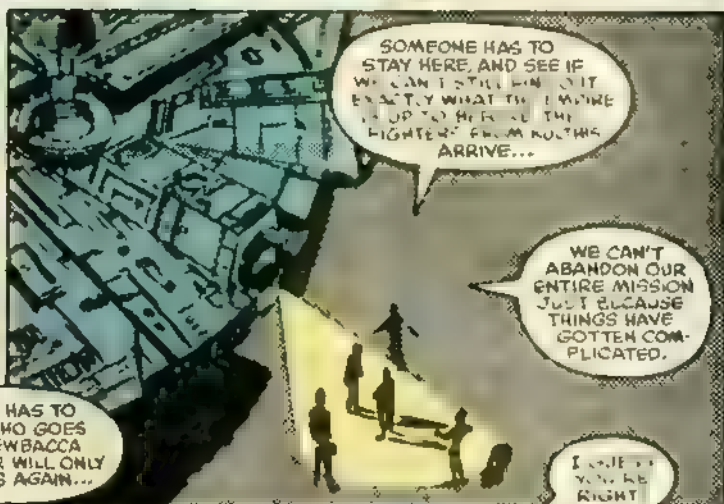
BUT! BUT I--!

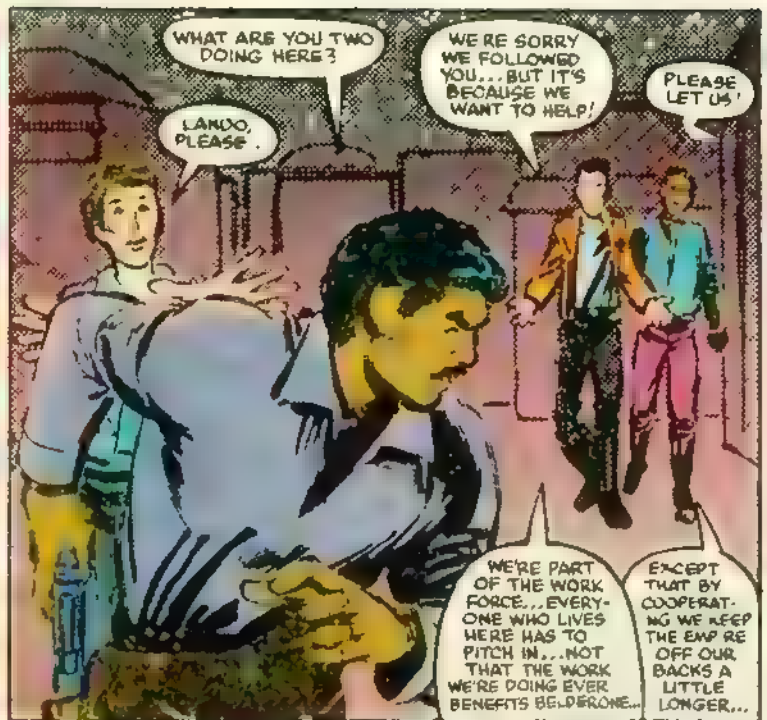


I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE FROM THE MOMENT HE ENTERED THIS SYSTEM...

AWARE OF HIM, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE FORCE...



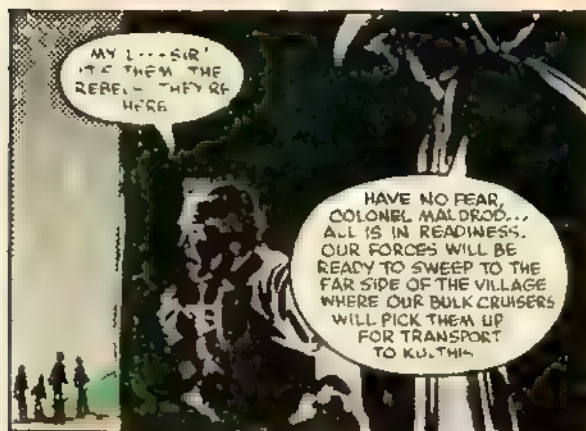






THAT IS
WHERE YOU
ENTER IT

THE MAIN WORKS, AND
THE MACHINE- WE'RE
BUILDING, THEY'RE ALL
BELOW GROUND.



MY L...SIR!
IT'S THEM THE
REBELS - THEY'RE
HERE

HAVE NO FEAR,
COLONEL MALDROD...
ALL IS IN READINESS.
OUR FORCES WILL BE
READY TO SWEEP TO THE
FAR SIDE OF THE VILLAGE
WHERE OUR BULK CRUISERS
WILL PICK THEM UP
FOR TRANSPORT
TO KULTHIN



WE ARE NEEDED
TO SUPERVISE THEM
THESE FEW FUNNY
REBELS CAN PRESENT
NO REAL THREAT
TO US

SKYWALKER
IS NOT AMONG
THEM



THIS IS COMMANDER
SKYWALKER, ALL PLANES
DO YOU COPY?

WE'RE MAKING
OUR ASSAULT ON THE
CAPITAL CITY OF BELDERONE
UPON ARRIVAL, UNLESS WE
RECEIVE OTHER ORDERS
BEFORE THEN...



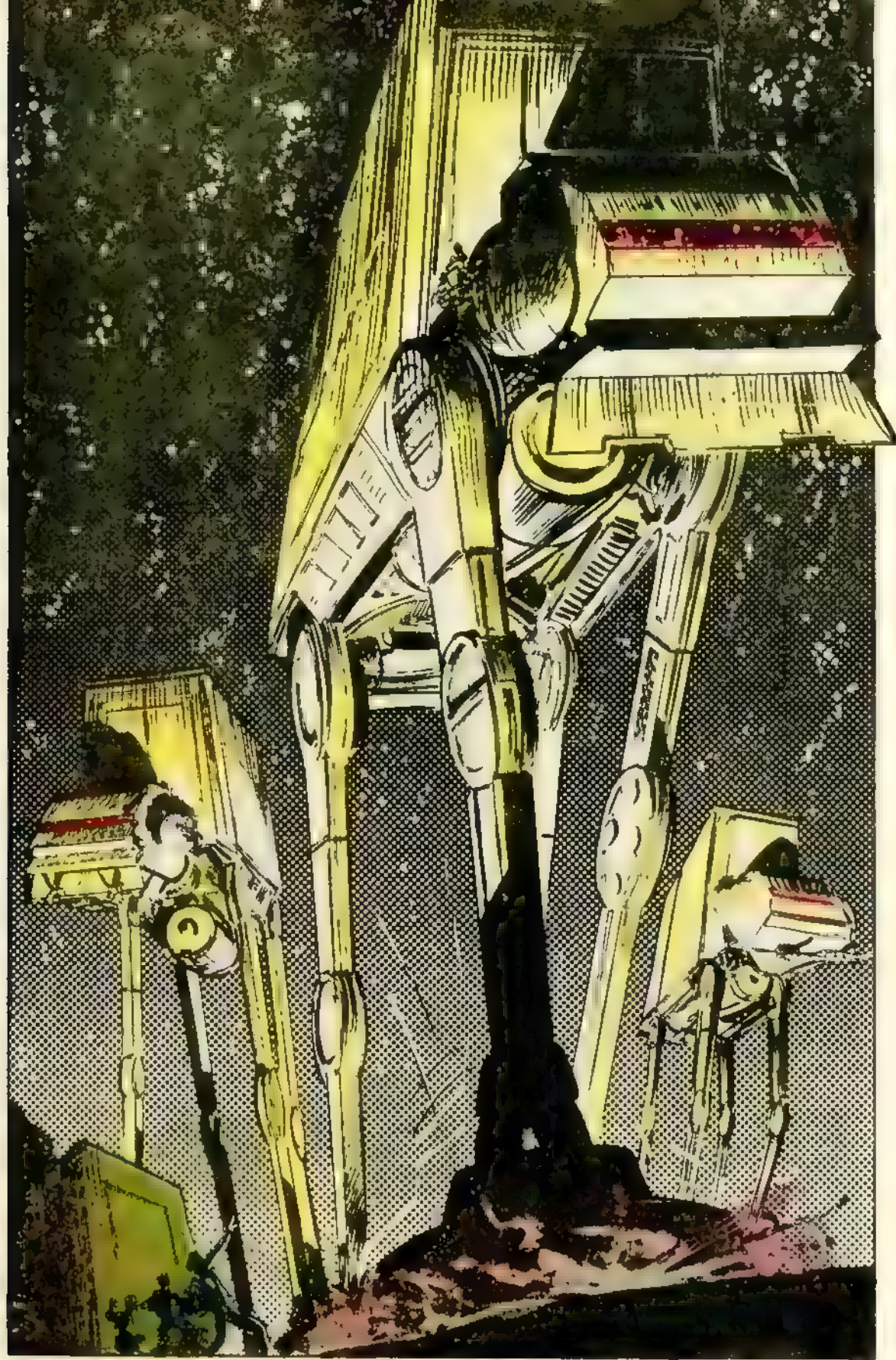
NEED WHAT ARE THEY

AND WHERE
ARE THEY?
WHAT DID YOU
BRING US OUT
ALL THIS WAY FOR?

WE'LL TAKE
YOU BELOW
AND SHOW
YOU!

YOU'D NEVER
BELIEVE US - WE
JUST TOLD YOU
IT'S MUCH MORE
IMPRESSIONS - YOU
CAN JUST SEE FOR
YOURSELVES







WHAT THE HELL
ARE THOSE THINGS?!

I'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE WHAT
THEY DID THERE!

IMPERIAL WALKERS...
THEY'RE CALLED ATATS...
THE EMPIRE USED THEM
TO DRIVE US OFF *NOTH*...



AND THAT'S WHAT
THEY'RE PLANNING TO
LAUNCH AGAINST
KULTHIS?

WE'VE GOT TO
PUT A STOP TO
THIS...IMPEDE
THEM, SOMEHOW...



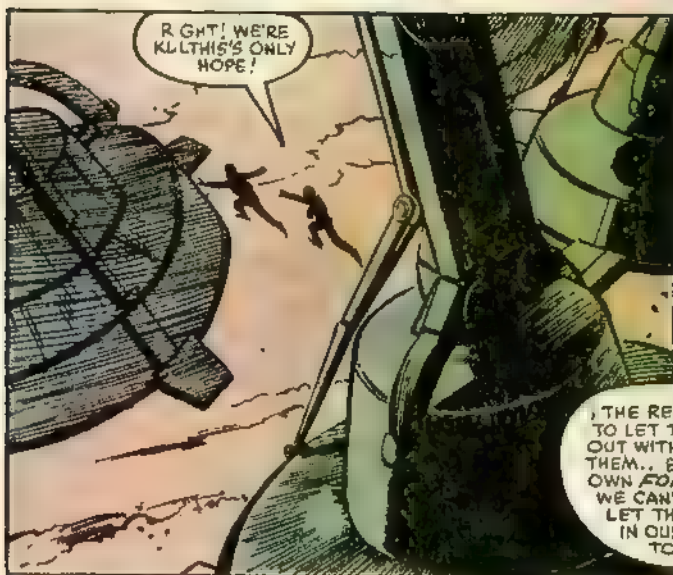
FLINT... WHERE
ARE THEY GOING
TO GO?

WHERE CAN
THEY GO... BUT
TO TOWN?

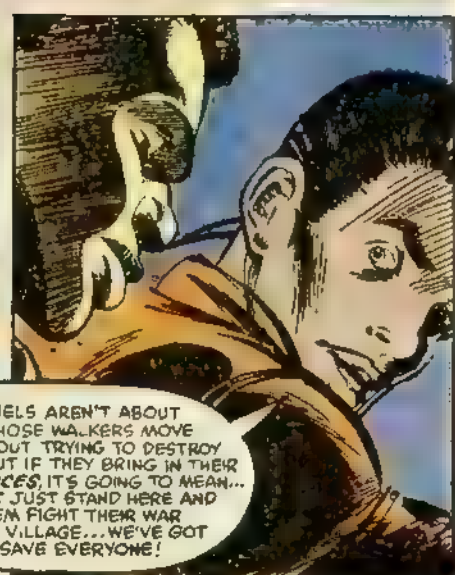


COME ON! IN THIS DARKNESS
THEY'LL NEVER NOTICE ANYTHING
AS SMALL AS WE ARE. WE'VE GOT
TO GET DOWN THERE FIND SOME WAY
OF SLOWING THEM UP BEFORE ALL
THE WALKERS ARE OPERATIONAL!

HUNH?



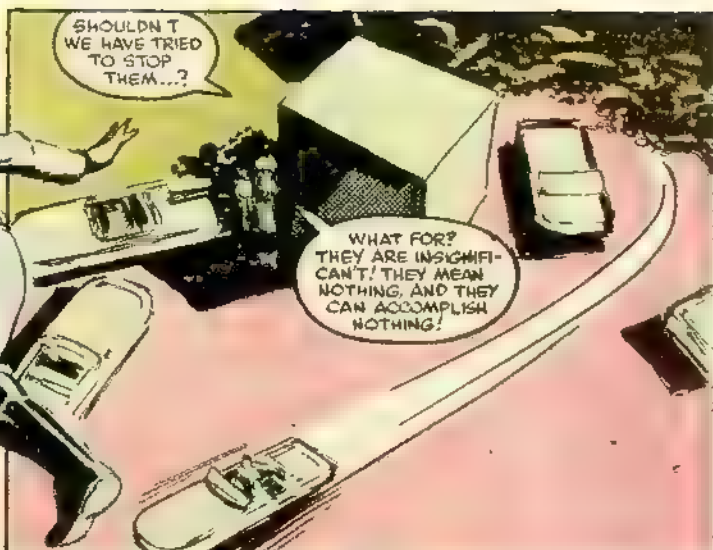
R GHT! WE'RE
KULTHIS'S ONLY
HOPE!



THE REBELS AREN'T ABOUT
TO LET THOSE WALKERS MOVE
OUT WITHOUT TRYING TO DESTROY
THEM... BUT IF THEY BRING IN THEIR
OWN FORCES, IT'S GOING TO MEAN...
WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE AND
LET THEM FIGHT THEIR WAR
IN OUR VILLAGE... WE'VE GOT
TO SAVE EVERYONE!



WE'VE GOT TO WARN MY MOTHER!!



SHOULDN'T WE HAVE TRIED TO STOP THEM...?

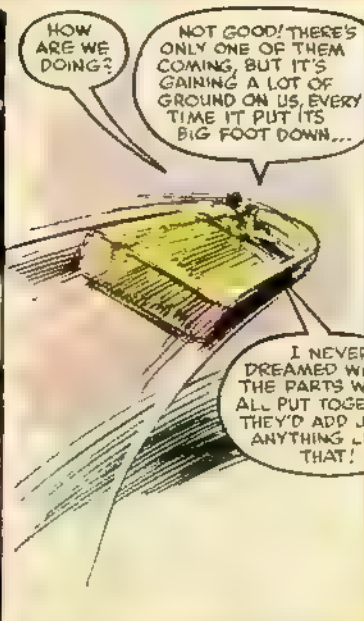
WHAT FOR? THEY ARE INSIGNIFICANT! THEY MEAN NOTHING, AND THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING!



COME! WE MUST BE SURE THE BULK CRUISERS ARE READY TO ACCOMMODATE THE WALKERS AS SOON THEY HAVE DEALT WITH ANY RESISTANCE FROM THE VILLAGE.

AND WITH WHATEVER ADVANCE FORCES THE PLANET OF KULTHIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE SENT AGAINST US BY NOW...

YES, MY LORD... SIR



HOW ARE WE DOING?

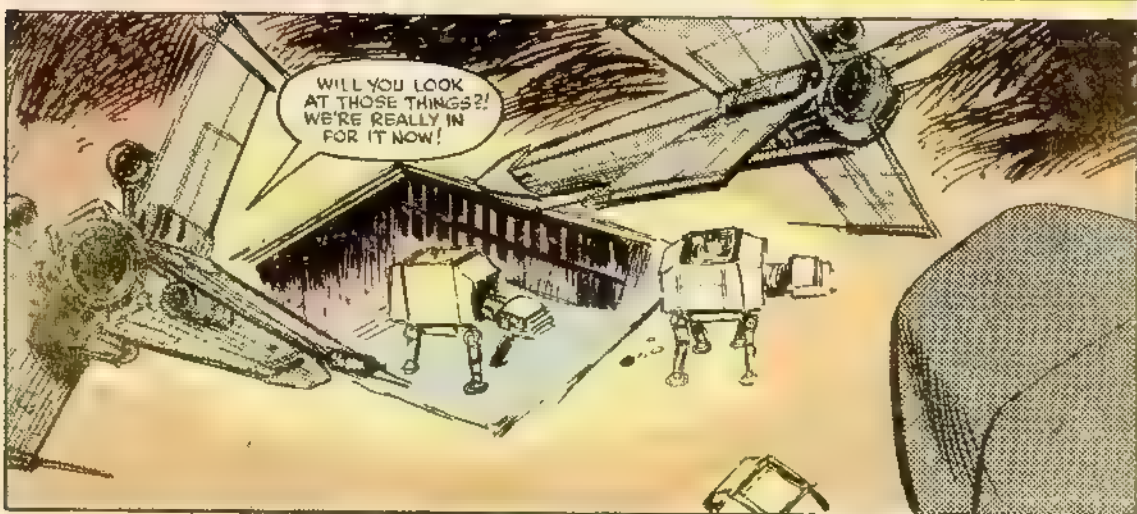
NOT GOOD! THERE'S ONLY ONE OF THEM COMING, BUT IT'S GAINING A LOT OF GROUND ON US, EVERY TIME IT PUTS ITS BIG FOOT DOWN...

I NEVER DREAMED WHEN THE PARTS WERE ALL PUT TOGETHER, THEY'D ADD UP TO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!



WELL, BARN, DON'T WORRY. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, WE HAVE TO!

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO CAN!



WILL YOU LOOK AT THOSE THINGS?! WE'RE REALLY IN FOR IT NOW!

YOU'RE RIGHT, WE ARE, BUT THOSE ATAT WALKERS AREN'T UNBEATABLE. WE HAVEN'T GOT THE RAW POWER TO BEAT THEM, BUT IT CAN BE DONE WITH STRATEGY...

GO FOR THEIR WEAK POINTS, AND DON'T ANYONE TAKE TOO...SH CHANCES...

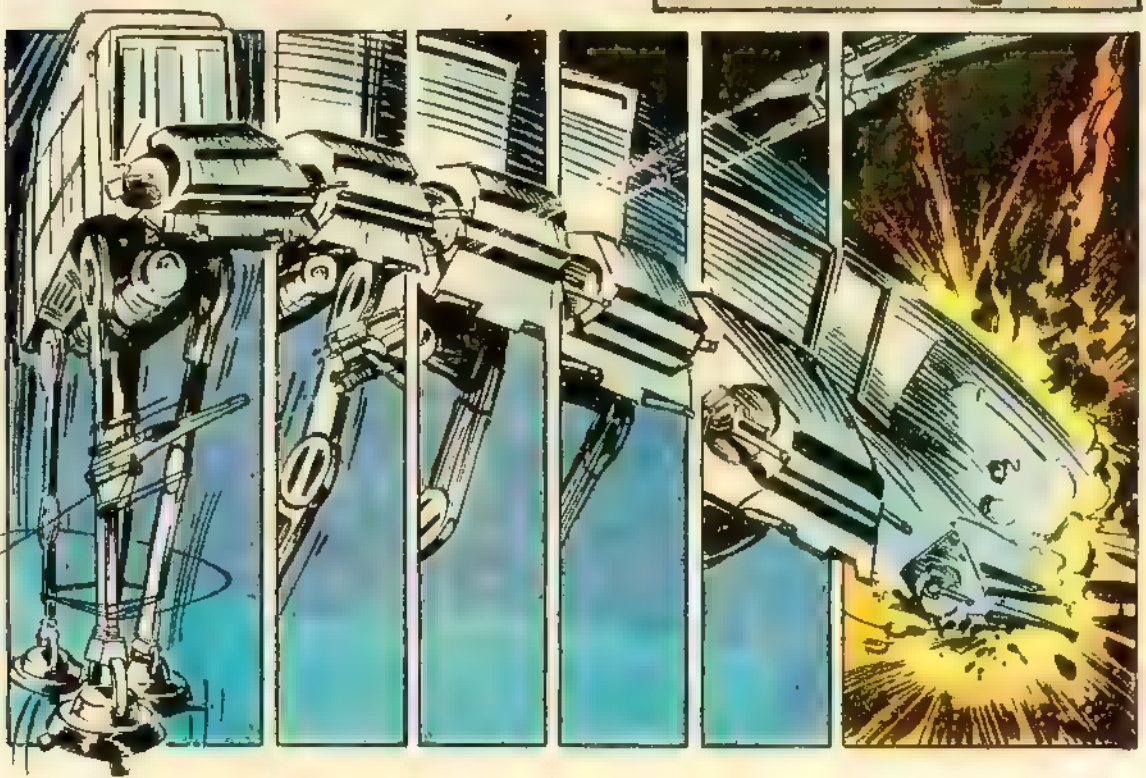
ANYONE WHOSE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH A CABLE AND TOW LINE, FLY AROUND A WALKER AND ENTANGLE ITS LEGS...

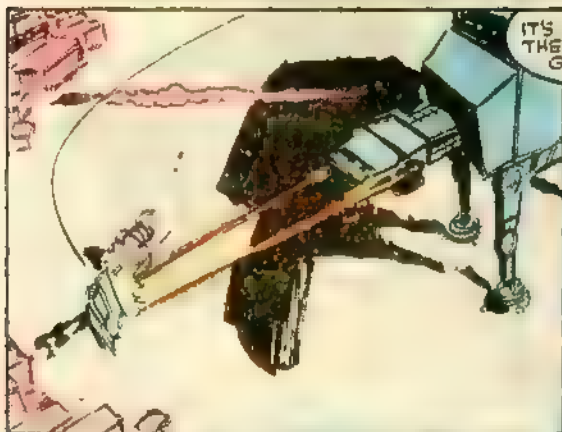
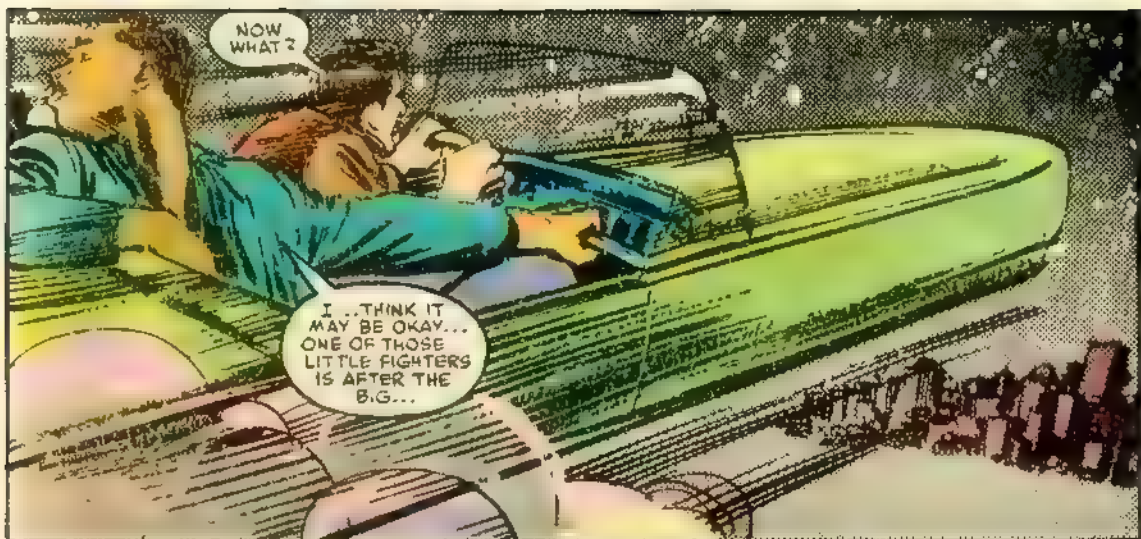
THEN, LET SOMEONE ELSE FINISH IT FOR YOU, ONCE IT'S DOWN...

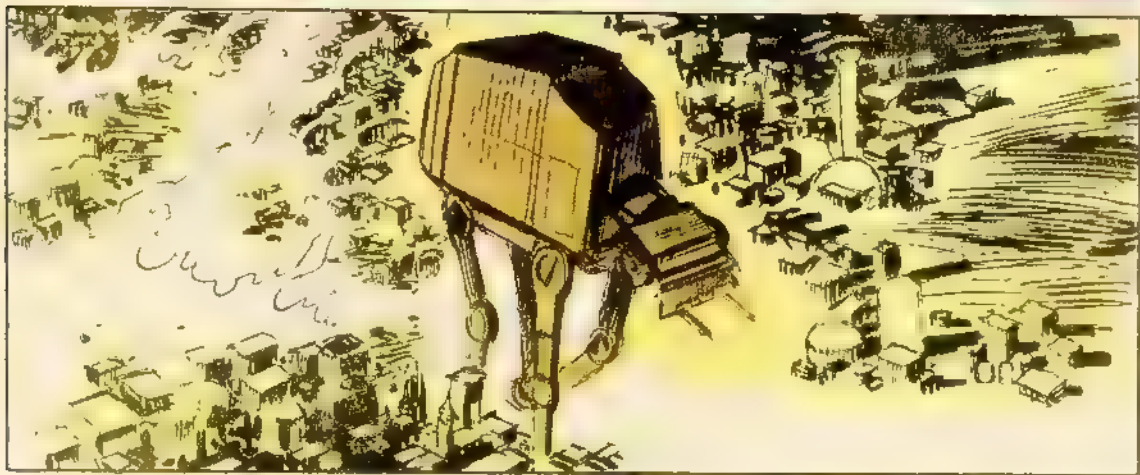
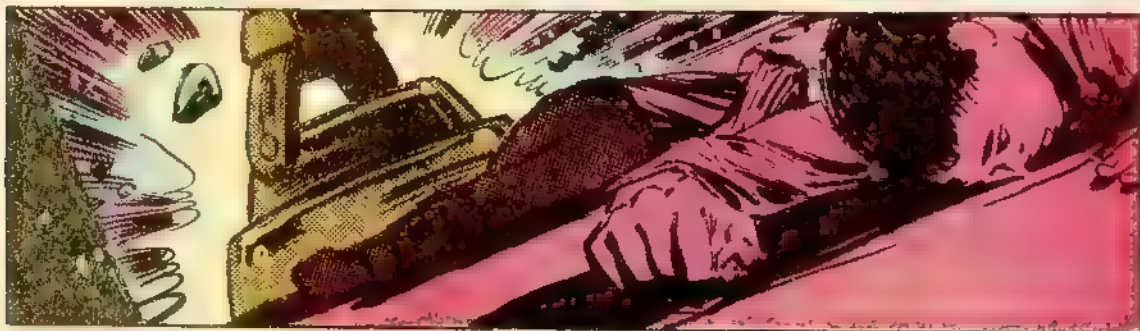
COMMANDER, WASN'T IT ATAT3 THAT DROVE YOU FROM THE BASE ON THE ICE PLANET, HOTH?

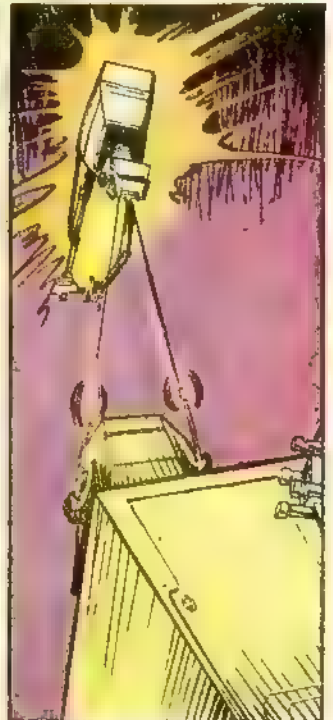
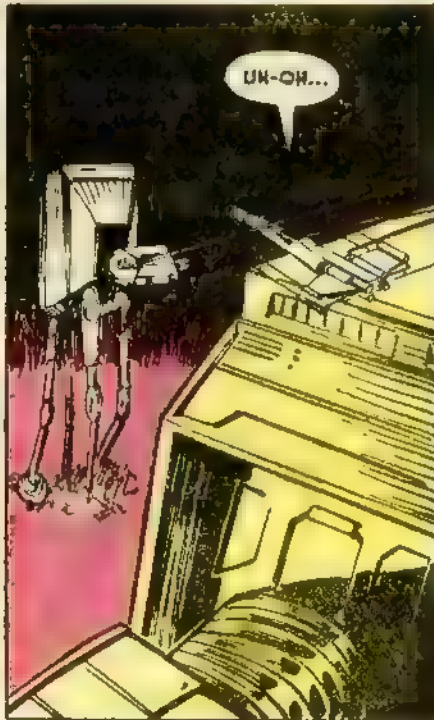
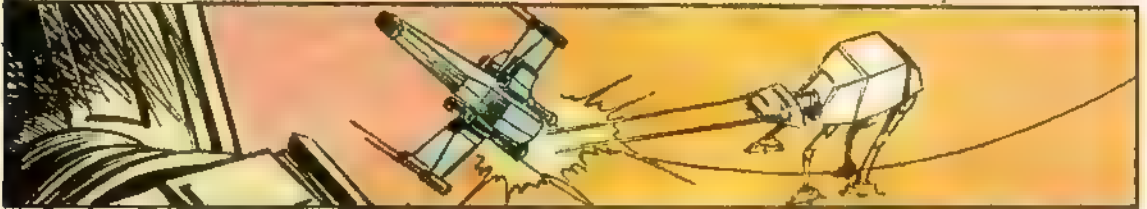
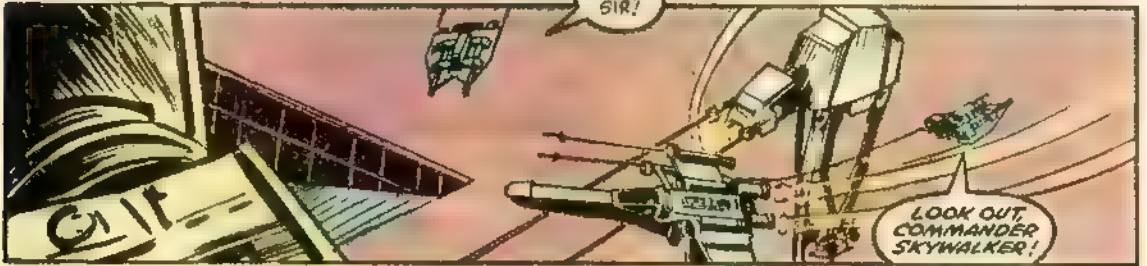
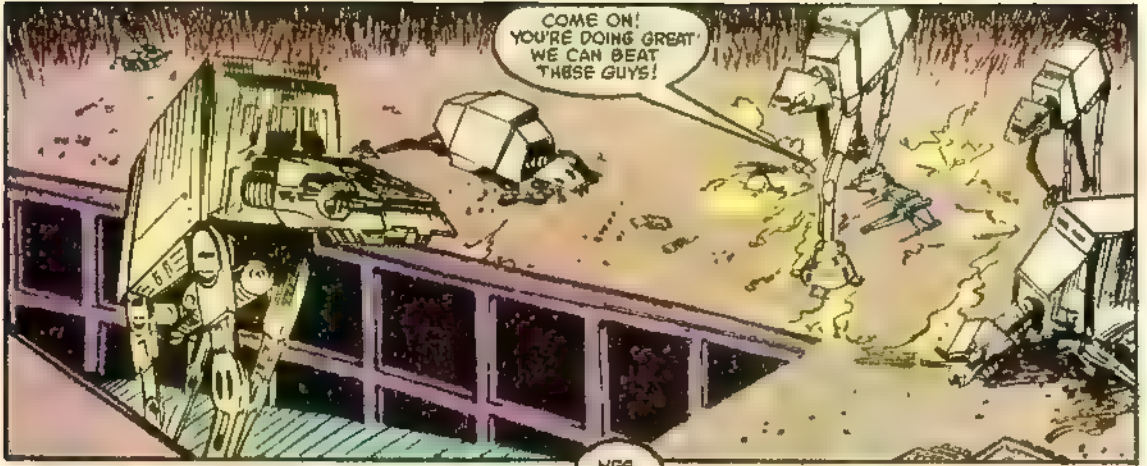
YEAH...BUT THE NUMBERS ARE IN OUR FAVOR HERE. WE WERE OUT-MANNED ON HOTH...

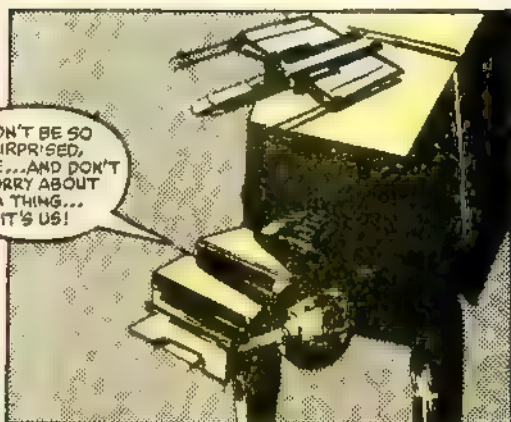
ALSO WE WERE TRYING TO PROTECT A GROUND BASE... HERE, IT'S THE EMPIRE WHO ARE TRYING TO DEFEND THEIR BASE!

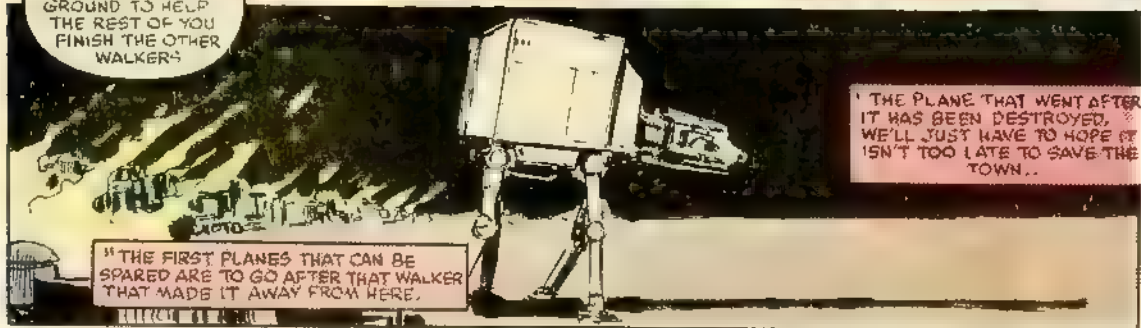
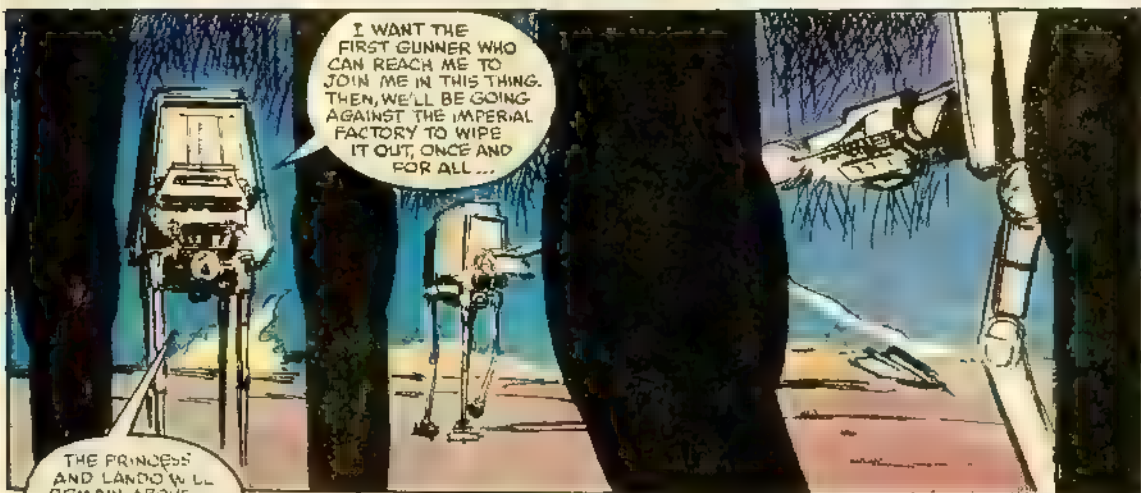
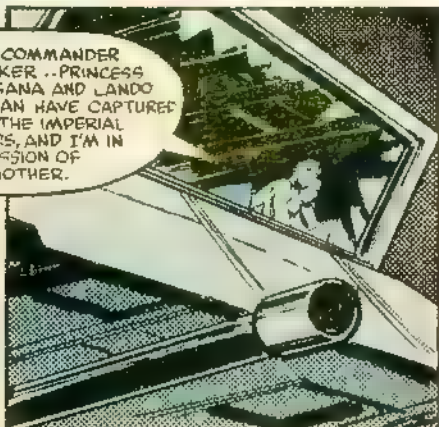
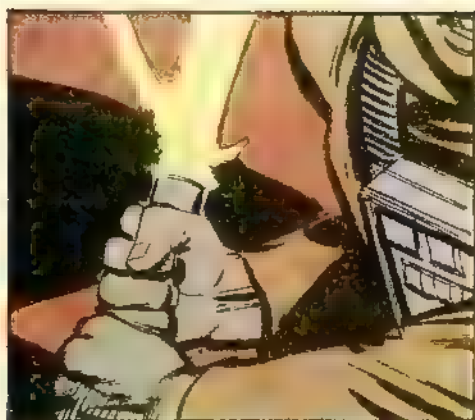


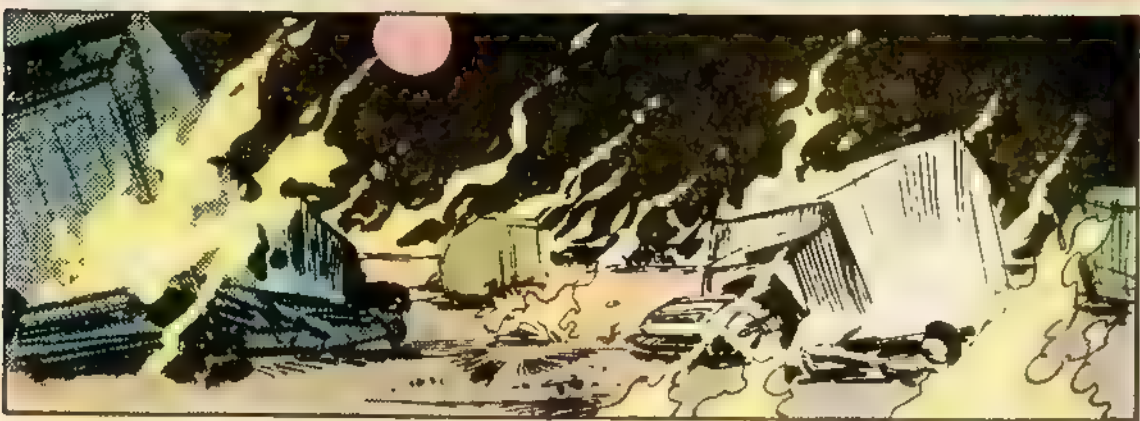
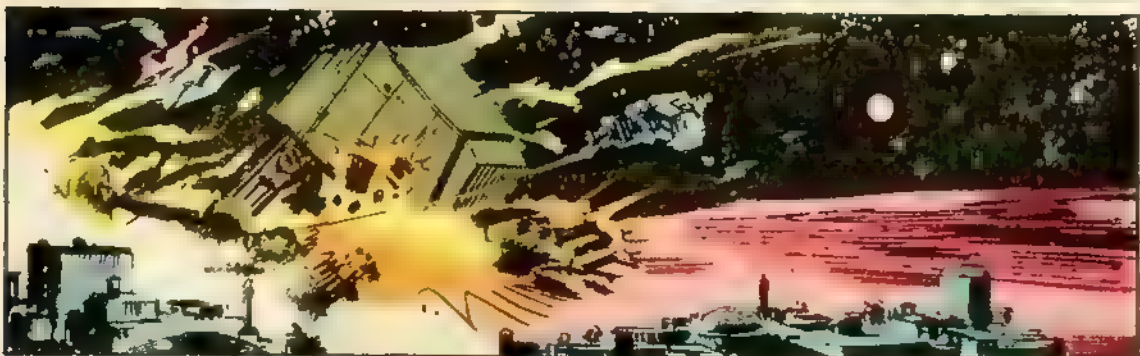
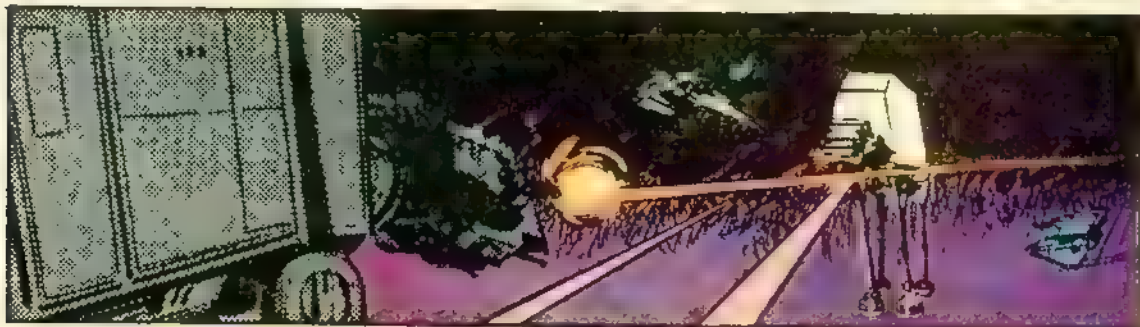
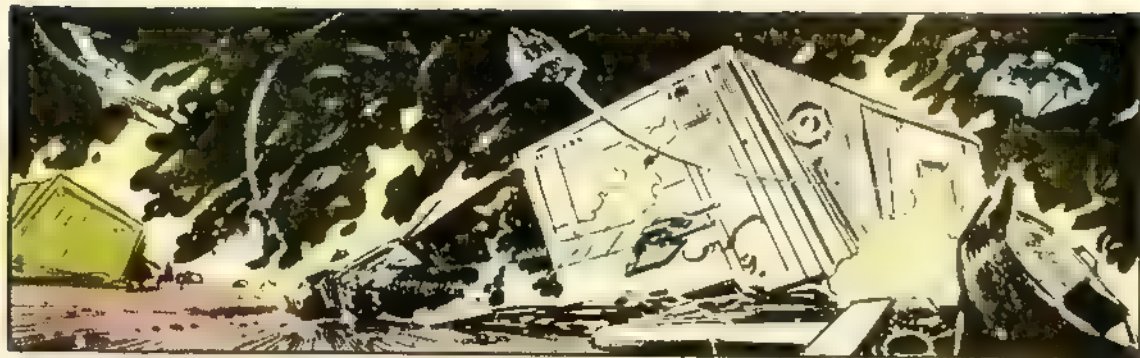


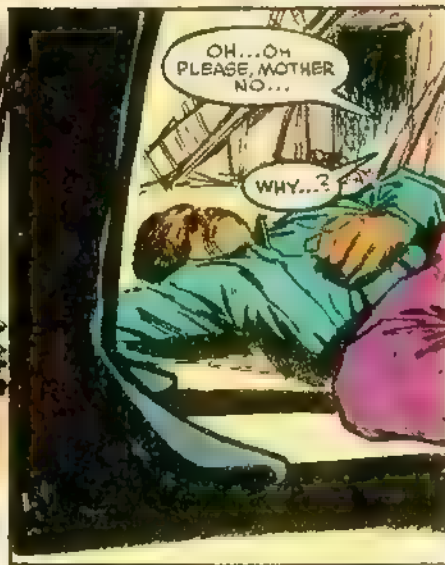














IT WAS ALL
JUST A GAME...
WE WERE USELESS...
...WE COULDN'T
DO A THING...

AND THEY
LET US GO ON
...PRETENDING
WE COULD
HELP...

BUT WE
COULDN'T... WE
WERE USELESS...
I WAS USELESS...
AND NOW YOU'RE
DEAD...



I SWEAR... I SWEAR TO
YOU... I'M GOING TO LEARN
...I'M GOING TO GET THE
TRAINING... THE SAME
TRAINING MY FATHER
HAD...

I'M GOING
TO BECOME
SOMEONE WHO
MATTERS...



AND THEN
I'LL SHOW
THEM ALL!



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL...
I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN
WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO
FEEL THAT WAY...

IT HAS BEEN
SOME TIME SINCE
I HEARD ANYONE
SPEAK THE WAY
YOU DO NOW...



I DID
NOT TAKE YOU
SERIOUSLY
BEFORE, AND
I SHOULD
HAVE... FOR-
GIVE ME.

LET ME
MAKE IT
UP TO YOU
NOW...



I COULD NOT
SINGLE YOU OUT FOR
SPECIAL TRAINING
RIGHT AWAY... YOU
WOULD BE JUST
ONE OF OUR MEN
AT FIRST...

BUT I HAVE
SENSED THE POWER
IN YOU... IN TIME, I
PROMISE YOU, YOU
WILL BE TUTORED
SPECIALLY... AND
IF YOU REALLY
WISH IT...

YOU WILL
BECOME
SOMEONE WHO
MATTERS VERY
MUCH!





THIS IS JUST WHAT I'VE DREAMED OF...WHAT I'VE WANTED ALL MY LIFE...EXCEPT THIS TIME IT'S NO GAME...

I'M GOING TO GET MY CHANCE...JOIN THE REBELLION...MAYBE FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN REALLY TRAIN ME AS A JEDI KNIGHT...

LIKE FLINT HAS...Y'KNOW, ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS SAW HIM GO...HEARD HIM TALKIN' TO THAT IMPERIAL LORD...HE SAID FLINT SOUNDED CERTAIN...AND EVEN HAPPY.

MAYBE...MAYBE HE WAS NEVER AS INTERESTED IN THE REBELLION AND THE EMPIRE...OR GOOD AND EVIL...AS HE THOUGHT.

MAYBE ALL HE EVER REALLY WANTED WAS POWER, AND IT JUST TOOK THIS TO MAKE HIM SEE IT.



SO DON'T BLAME YOURSELVES ABOUT FLINT...I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE HE COULD STILL BE SAVED...



OR MAYBE HE'S BEEN LOST FOR YEARS, AND I JUST NEVER SAW IT...



BECAUSE IN SPITE OF ALL THAT'S HAPPENED...I CAN'T GET OVER THE FEELING...



"...THAT MAYBE FLINT HAS FINALLY GOTTEN WHAT HE REALLY WANTED ALL ALONG..."

